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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Diego Region  
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**Attention: John Robertus**  
CRWQ Executive Officer

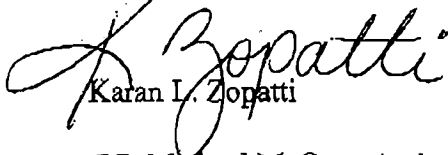
**Re: CAU: 14-0329 Place ID: 255226**

Dear Mr. Robertus:

I am writing this letter in opposition to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region (CRWQCB) Conditional Early Settlement with Offer No. R9-2008-0076 with the City of San Diego, based on the CRWQCB letter dated July 16, 2008 and the (proposed) Order signed from the City of San Diego on August 13, 2008.

Clearly, the City of San Diego is not contesting the numerous serious violations of illegally pumping hazardous chemicals into the San Diego Bay. However, the CRWQCB's imposition of minimal fines on serious violations is not a practical solution to hold polluters accountable, nor will it rectify the hazardous contamination problem in the San Diego Bay.

The San Diego Bay is obviously an unsustainable ecosystem, since the bay water migrating into the San Diego Convention Center parking lot exceeds legal limits for cyanide and other hazardous chemicals. What is more disturbing is the fact the City of San Diego has recognized the crisis for several years, but still illegally contributes to the problem by pumping the highly hazardous groundwater back into the San Diego Bay. Presently, I understand the City of San Diego is allowed to dump this same untreated hazardous groundwater down the sewage system. Obviously, moving pollution from the San Diego Bay to the Point Loma ocean outfall is not the solution, because these highly toxic chemical pollutants will continue to impact human health and the marine life. Beyond doubt, imposing minimal fine for serious violators is not sustainable, and allows more derogation of our bay. We are now living in a soup of hazardous chemicals, finding their way back onto our dinner tables. In view of that, remediation cleanup is the only solution to solve the San Diego Bay's present unsustainable ecosystem. Therefore, please hold the City of San Diego accountable by imposing the maximum liability fines in order to recover the economical and ecological losses of the San Diego Bay pursuant to CWC Section 13385(a, c, e).

  
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CC: Michael McCann Assistant Executive Officer CRWQCB

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